

Mayor Antonovich Lauds ISD's Youth Career Development Program

At a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Mayor Michael D. Antonovich recognized seven graduates of the Internal Services Department's (ISD) 2006 Youth Career Development Program.

The program participants were selected from a pool of emancipated foster youth and offered training and work experience in a wide variety of job areas, including building crafts, telecommunications, procurement, accounting, and administrative assistance. Participants also received training in the areas of life skills, critical thinking, problem-solving, business ethics and communication. Each individual was paired with a volunteer mentor who provided ongoing support, encouragement and guidance throughout the year.



Pictured from left to right are, Dave Lambertson (Director of the Internal Services Department), mentor Maria Avalos, graduate Yolanda Blanco, Mayor Antonovich, and Dr. David Sanders (then Director of the Department of Children and Family Services).

Since the inception of the Youth Career Development Program in 2000, fifty-one participants have graduated from the program. This year, seven completed the program, successfully passed County exams, and have been hired by the Internal Services Department.

Employee of the Month District Attorney's Tracy Anderson

Tracy Anderson has been working for the County of Los Angeles for 15 years and is currently employed as a Paralegal with the Office of the District Attorney (DA), where he is assigned to the Compton branch office.

During his tenure, Anderson has been a role model for many employees and is well respected by his peers and members of the public. He has a tremendous work ethic and always takes a positive, upbeat approach to his work. In recognition of his outstanding performance, he was nominated for the Jemison Award for Distinguished Public Service in 2005.

"The most fulfilling aspect of my job is obtaining proof of prior convictions for a defendant with a serious criminal background, because I know those priors will be used to insure a proper sentence. Assisting the Deputy District Attorneys (DDA) in trial preparation by completing

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Ford Amphitheatre

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BWF - Big! World! Fun! Family Shows

SPR - Summer Play Readings

AUGUST

26 - BWF Celtic Spring - Irish Music and Dance (10 a.m.)

26 - SPR Human Debt by Luis A. Vega (1 p.m.)

26 - Pilgrimage 2006 - West Coast Rhythm & Blues (8 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER

2 - Karishma: An Enchanting Evening of Bollywood Dance Under the Stars

8 - FOCUSfish Flying Circus

9 - BWF Celebration of Asian-American culture and tradition

9 - Celtic Arts Center Concert Series

10 - Jazz and the New Songbook Artists starring Carmen Lundy

15 - Trio Voronezh

16 - BWF John & Juan - exploring the history of California (10 a.m.)

16 - Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company (8 p.m.)

17 - Visions, the Concert

19 - Latin American Cinemateca of L.A.

22 - KCRW presents: Kasey Chambers

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes, please visit www.arboretum.org or call (626) 821-4623

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036

(323) 857-6000

www.lacma.org

Through September 17 - Transparent Reflections: Richard Poussette-Dart, Works on Paper

Through December 10 - Glass: Material Matters

Through January 2007 - Consider This...

Music Center

135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012

(213) 972-7211

www.musiccenter.org

Ahmanson Theatre

Through Sept 10 - Curtains

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion

Sept 9, 14, 17 - La Traviata

Sept 10 - Oct 1 - Giuseppe Verdi's Don Carlo

Mark Taper Forum

Through Sept 17 - Water & Power

Sept 22 - Oct 29 - Cherry Jones in "Doubt"

Hollywood Bowl

2301 North Highland Ave., Hollywood 90078

(323) 850-2000

www.hollywoodbowl.com

AUGUST

25-26 - Comedy Tonight!

With special guests The Smothers Brothers & Julia Sweeney

27 - Gotan Project, Zero 7 featuring José González and Sia, Herbert

28 - Dave Matthews Band

29 - Romeo and Juliet

30 - George Benson, Al Jarreau & Raul Midon

31 - Fliter Plays Beethoven

SEPTEMBER

1-2 - John Williams and the Music of the Movies

3 - The Big Picture: AFI's Greatest Movie Musicals

5 - The Assad Brothers

6 - James Brown: "Soul On Top" with Angie Stone

7 - French Delights

8-9 - An Evening with Willie Nelson

10 - Willie Nelson, Ryan Adams & Neko Case

12 - Classic American Film Scores

14 - Carmina Burana with Fireworks

15-17 - Fireworks Finale

21 - Video Games Live: 2006

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24 - Massive Attack & TV on the Radio



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Young Anglers Participate in Fishing Derby at Cerritos Regional County Park

Nearly 1,000 children were angling for a prize catch at the 2006 Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby at Cerritos Regional County Park recently. The annual event is sponsored by Supervisor Don Knabe, along with the City of Cerritos, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Cerritos Rod and Gun Club.

“This fishing derby is always a fantastic event that children and families look forward to every year,” Supervisor Knabe said. “Even if a child has never fished before, there are volunteers on-hand to show them the art of fishing.”

The event began at 7 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast, followed by the fishing derby from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Children participated in free fishing and angler safety lessons. Each child also received a free t-shirt and was eligible to compete for prizes in other categories.

Approximately 1,000 children attend the fishing derby annually, including nearly 200 foster children and over 100 children being transported in from parks throughout Supervisor Knabe’s District.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky Attends Dedication of Hollywood Bowl Improvements



Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky stands before the newly refurbished 1940 “Stanley Fountain” at the Hollywood Bowl entrance on Highland Avenue. Supervisor Yaroslavsky joined County officials and representatives of the Los Angeles Philharmonic for a special evening dedication event to dramatically showcase the improvements, which include the restoration of the fountain and its distinctive “Muse of Music” sculpture by Los Angeles artist George Stanley, who also sculpted the original Academy Award statuette, later known as the Oscar, in the late 1920s. The work included cleaning, re-grouting and installing new fiber-optic lighting and landscaping, rendering the fountain fully operational for the first time in nearly 30 years, as well as renovating the entrance marquees and installing more than 650 new directional signs

in the Moderne style throughout the Bowl. Please visit <http://www.hollywoodbowl.com/muse/> to learn more about the project, and for a chance to enter a special photo contest to win four tickets to the Bowl’s spectacular fireworks finale in September.

RETIREES

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE:

Sook K. Rodriguez

ASSESSOR: Eleanor F. Thompson

BEACHES & HARBORS: Joe Chesler,
Vitalia Franqui, Lynetta Jordan

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:

Mary A. Chandler, Ghali Z. Ghali, Benjamin Paniagua, Mittie H. Pruitt, Otilia Ruelas

INTERNAL SERVICES: Sharon A. Cleaver,
Susan M. Lopez

MENTAL HEALTH: Sherry Hunter

PARKS & RECREATION: Fred Ham Jr.,
James R. Johnson, Royce W. Johnson,
Jeffrey R. Workman

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Sandra L.
Gibson, Genoveva Nicolalde, Amelia E.
Santos

PROBATION: Sharron L. Grolle, Victor S.
Reinaga

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY
CLERK:** Alvarez A. Lecesne

SHERIFF: Beth A. Combs, Diane Leon,
David P. Litchko, Doris A. Porter, Diane
Santiful, Henry C. Wagoner Jr., Dennis J.
Walsh

SUPERIOR COURT: Archie M. Dickson,
Frederick G. Jackson, Joel C. Morales,
Beverly E. Mosley, Madelaine Neuwirth,
Evelyn Ramirez

Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:

Reginald M. Gayle, Diane Jenkins

COUNTY COUNSEL: Ella S. Barragan,
Frances Rawski

**HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF
PUBLIC SAFETY:** Richard M. Councilman

INTERNAL SERVICES: Marcelina Cruz

MENTAL HEALTH: Annette H. Truss

PUBLIC LIBRARY: Peter J. Rosenwald,
Gloria S. Seifert, Sandra Wortham

PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES: Victoria L.
Edwards, Paulette Mason

SHERIFF: Jorge A. Gomez, Norma Ortiz,
Donzell F. Turner

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tasks ranging from power point presentations to duplication of evidence CD's and photos for law enforcement agencies and the defense, discussing various trial issues with the DDAs and law enforcement can also be fulfilling," Anderson said.

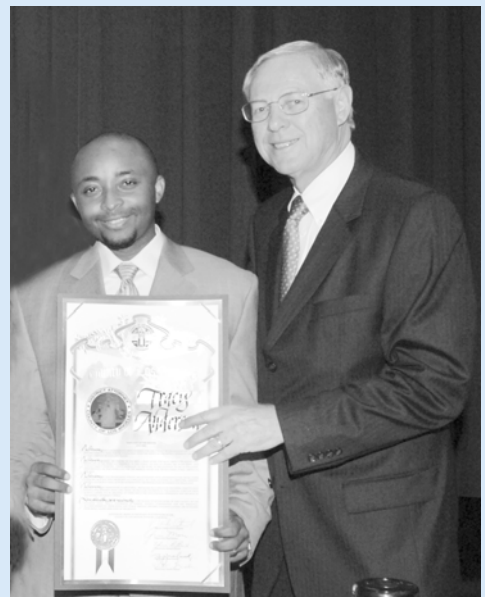
At the Board of Supervisors meeting honoring Anderson, District Attorney Steve Cooley said, "I would like to add my congratulations to Tracy... We could not fulfill our mission without great clerical and support staff and paralegals to help our lawyers and our investigators. Ms. Anderson, you must be very proud of your son; Marie, your husband; Laila, your dad. We're very proud of him also. This young man started out in the District Attorney's office as a clerical employee, went to night school at California State University, Dominguez Hills and got his bachelor's degree in accounting. He was inspired by the law as a DA employee and got his paralegal certification from Cerritos. He's worked very hard to achieve what he has and inspires his fellow employees in his office and throughout the DA's office."

Anderson has established strong relationships with representatives from other agencies and knows whom to call in order to complete an assignment expeditiously. He is not only proficient as a paralegal, but also an expert on computers assisting District Attorney's Trial Support Division with the preparation of exhibits for trials.

When asked about community involvement, Anderson stated, "I'm really proud to be helping the Salvation Army with their Christmas Toy Drive for the last three years. It's great to see everybody in our office step up and give so generously. The relationship began when John McKinney, a former Compton DDA, and myself thought it would be a good thing to invite some of our friends at the office to give to the community we work in. It's been very enjoyable to see the program grow. I've also had a chance to discuss some community planning issues with their planning board in Compton. As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, I've been fortunate to be a part of many community service activities during and after my college days. These activities include scholarship fundraising, clothing and food drives, and teen mentorship."

He participates in mentoring programs that focus on providing positive role models for minority boys and teens. Anderson engages high school students in the annual Compton High School career day by speaking to them about his educational experience and his role at the District Attorney's office.

Congratulations, Tracy Anderson, on all your accomplishments and unsurpassed dedication to the District Attorney's office.



Supervisor Molina Reopens City Terrace Park Pool

Supervisor Gloria Molina recently joined local residents to reopen the remodeled City Terrace Park Pool. The beautiful new pool includes a renovated pool deck, a new concrete base, new paint, tile, lighting treatments, new signage, and renovated office space for pool employees.

“The reopening could not have come at a better time since the dog days of summer arrived early this year,” Supervisor Molina said. “I am most proud of the fact that the City Terrace Park Pool includes a hydraulic lift to accommodate individuals with disabilities in addition to new restrooms for this same population. It is vital that everybody in the City Terrace neighborhood gets to enjoy the refurbished pool since it provides a great opportunity for people to get some exercise and cool off from the summer heat.”

Residents also use this pool to host the City Terrace Swimming Program, which is operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The adjacent park has been kept safe, clean, and generally free of gang activity thanks to a strong partnership between the County of Los Angeles, the City Terrace Task Force, and local residents.

“We truly hope that local children and families take advantage of the remodeled pool, the surrounding park, and the recreational programs offered there,” Supervisor Molina said. Such programs include the Aztec Dance Club, Ballet Folklorico, karate classes, and the City Terrace Starz cheerleading team as well as sports programs like baseball, basketball, and, of course, swimming. The City Terrace Gymnasium continues to rank as one of the First District’s most heavily utilized facilities.



Local residents enjoy the newly refurbished City Terrace Park Pool



Supervisor Molina, Parks and Recreation staff, and local residents admire the pool's hydraulic lift capabilities.

“With the summer months just beginning, I am confident that residents’ use of the City Terrace Park Pool will be just as strong,” Supervisor Molina said. “Many thanks to the Department of Parks and Recreation for remodeling the pool in time for summer. Residents across the First District can look forward to more pool and splash pad openings in the coming weeks.”

Supervisor Knabe Addresses Foster Youth Summit

Supervisor Don Knabe addressed current and former foster youth at the annual Foster Youth Summit held at Occidental College in June. In addition to sharing his views on foster care, the Supervisor participated in a panel discussion on mentoring foster youth.

Several members of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Foster Care were in attendance, as well as child welfare professionals, advocates, judges, legislators, and other decision makers who make life-changing decisions for and about foster youth.

“The highlight of the meeting for me was to hear the kids present their views on foster care to the panel and to their peers,” Supervisor Knabe said. “It was great to hear from them, particularly on the role mentors play in their lives and how we can better help them succeed in life.”

ENRICHING LIVES...

County Long-Term Care Coordinating Council Strategic Plan Unfolds

Members of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC), appointed as a result of the Board of Supervisors' action January 21, 2003, celebrated the June 30, 2006 sunset of the LTCCC and the completion of its work on the County of Los Angeles, Community and Senior Services' Strategic Plan for Aged and Disabled Adults 2003-2006.



The Long-Term Care Coordinating Council members who attended the celebration from left to right are: Jody Dunn, guest, Lanora Pook, Tiffany Williams, Oleeta Igar, Johnnie Wall, Lillibeth Navarro, Kate Wilber, June Simmons, John Kotick, Dr. Ellen Alkon, Maria Arechaederra, Scott Milbourn, Donna Benton, Kevin Tsang and Faye Ashby.

“The LTCCC has dedicated many volunteer hours over the past three-years to review the goals and objectives of the Long-Term Care Strategic Plan to provide the County with viable implementation strategies, to foster long-term care planning in the public and private sectors,” said Cynthia Banks, Director of Community and Senior Services.

Many resources have been produced by the LTCCC that will be helpful to County employees seeking support services for themselves or in their role as caregivers; and, for older and disabled adults seeking services. Examples include a data matrix of social services in Los Angeles County, training resource opportunities for care managers and



social workers, a report featuring affordable housing policy recommendations and transportation quality standards. The resources were developed by LTCCC workgroups and may be viewed and downloaded from the Community and Senior Services Web site <http://www.ladcss.org/> under Advisory Boards and Commissions.

Another major accomplishment of the LTCCC is the **Community Connection** Web site which is designed to provide resources for the aged and disabled. It may be found at <http://ltccconnection.lacounty.info/>

The LTCCC final report and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by early September 2006. One of the Long-Term Care Strategic Plan recommendations that have been formally adopted by the Board is the **Office of Senior Health** in the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department, which is scheduled to be operational in September 2006.

The Office of Senior Health will provide leadership in coordinating the delivery of countywide efforts to protect and promote the health of older adults in the County, including efforts to improve coordination of long-term care health-related services. "Once the LTCCC Final Report has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors, we anticipate having more of the recommendations approved by the Board," Banks said.

County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan



County Vision

"Enriching Lives"

Our **purpose** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our **philosophy** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our **shared values**:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our **position** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

County Mission

To enrich lives through effective and caring service

Strategic Plan Goals

1. Service Excellence
2. Workforce Excellence
3. Organizational Effectiveness
4. Fiscal Responsibility
5. Children and Families' Well-Being
6. Community Services
7. Health and Mental Health
8. Public Safety

Gloria Molina
Supervisor
First District

Yvonne B. Burke
Supervisor
Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor
Third District

Don Knabe
Supervisor
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor
Fifth District

New Child Care Options for County Employees

Are you a parent of young children? Are you satisfied with your current child care arrangements or are you considering a change? Did you know that the County now has 11 child care and development centers designed to meet the child care needs of its employees? All of the County employee child care centers open between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. and close between 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. The programs operate throughout the year, observe County holidays, and serve infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fees charged at the County employee centers are very competitive with other center-based programs. All of the programs are licensed by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division and six have earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information, please contact the individual programs.

El Monte Annex Montessori Child Care

3400 Aerojet Avenue

El Monte, CA 91731

(626) 569-2640 (Employees from DPSS and DHS Children's Medical Services only)

County Kid's Place

2916 South Hope Street

Los Angeles, CA 90007

(213) 744-6241

Child Care Program

LAC+USC Medical Center

1401 North Mission Road

Los Angeles, CA 90033

(323) 226-2201

Crossroads Child Care Center

12900 Crossroads Parkway East Annex

City of Industry, CA 91746

(562) 908-4412 (DPSS employees only)

Expo Kids

1024 38th Street

Los Angeles, CA 90037

(323) 766-6100 (DPSS employees only)

Discovery Time

406 South Second Street

Alhambra, CA 91801

(626) 458-1373

Rancho Los Amigos Children's Center

7755 Glondrin Avenue

Downey, CA 90242

(562) 401-7981

Children's Center

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

975 West Carson Street

Torrance, CA 90509

(310) 222-4274

El Monte Telstar Montessori Child Care

9320 Telstar Avenue

El Monte, CA 91731

(626) 312-6382 (Employees from
DPSS & DHS Children's Medical Services only)

Child Development Center

Olive View Medical Center

14445 Olive View Drive

Sylmar, CA 91342

(818) 364-3444

Van Nuys Civic Child Development Center

14350 Sylvan Street

Van Nuys, CA 91401

(818) 780-1922

We recognize that with over 90,000 employees spread across 4,000 square miles – even 11 centers will not meet the child care needs of all employees. If you would like to learn more about child care options available in your community, you can:

- Contact the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network at (800) 543-7793 to learn the telephone number of your local child care resource and referral agency,
- Conduct a search for child care at <http://childcare.co.la.ca.us>, and
- Review information for working parents on the Office of Child Care Web page at www.lacountychildcare.org

Supervisor Burke Hosts Annual Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA) Fundraiser

Hundreds of guests were present at the Millennium Biltmore for the 11th annual Salute to Champions Awards Luncheon. The event is a major fundraiser held by the Aquatic Foundation of Metropolitan Los Angeles (AFMLA), which has the mission to build public awareness of the physical and mental benefits of swimming, and the establishment and promotion of water programs for all age groups in the Second District.

The 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award honoree was retired National Hockey League (NHL) professional hockey player, Luc Robitaille, who spent 14 of his 19 NHL seasons with the Los Angeles Kings. Robitaille has a number of accomplishments including winning the Calder Trophy as the NHL's Rookie of the Year in 1986-87, was a member of Detroit's Stanley Cup championship team in 2002 and is the NHL's all-time leading scorer among left wingers. Robitaille and his wife, Stacia, committed to assist the Foundation financially through the resources of their non-profit foundation.

The 2006 Golden Mic Award honoree was baseball's all-time broadcaster, Vin Scully. Entering his 57th season as the "Voice of the Dodgers," he has a countless number of career accomplishments which include being inducted into the Broadcaster's wing of the National Baseball Hall of Fame as the Ford C. Frick Award recipient. In July 2000, Scully was elected as the top sportscaster of the 20th century by more than 500 national members of the American Sportscasters Association, in addition to receiving an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Fordham University in Bronx, New York.

The 2006 AFMLA Inspiration Award honoree was Reggie Berry, who played for the San Diego Chargers before being traded to the Denver Broncos. He later played in the World League and Canada before retiring due to injuries. Berry sits on the Board of Directors of AFMLA and is the former President of the National Football League (NFL) Retired Players Association and has been the Executive Director of the NFL Retired Players Association Goals for Youth Program for 17 years. He recently received the 2005 Charity of the Year Award.

The Local Hero Award honoree was Clarence Shields Jr., M.D., who has been in private practice with the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic since 1973, serving as both the associate and vice president of the clinic. Dr. Shields



Supervisor Burke with AFMLA Luncheon Honorees, from left to right, Vin Scully, Luc Robitaille, Supervisor Burke, Dr. Clarence Shields Jr., and Reggie Berry.

was recently appointed to the California State Athletic Commissioner's Medical and Safety Standards Advisory Committee. He is the former team physician to the Los Angeles RAMS, and now serves as an orthopaedic consultant to the St. Louis RAMS National Football League. He received his medical degree from Creighton University of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, and completed his orthopaedic surgical residency at the LAC+USC Medical Center.

The luncheon raised net funds of more than \$180,000, which will be used to support school swimming programs run by AFMLA. The AFMLA funds keep Ted Watkins Pool open after it closes on Labor Day, from September through October for AFMLA programs; and pays for keeping Victoria Park Pool open from the day after Labor Day (when the County season ends) through the day before the County summer season begins for AFMLA programs. In addition to the school programs, the AFMLA also runs a Masters Swim program that includes senior water aerobics classes and lap swimming classes for students of any age.

At the event, Supervisor Burke noted that the AFMLA has placed special emphasis on teaching inner-city and low-income children to swim and train for national and international competitive swimming. She said the success of AFMLA is due to the alliance between business leaders, foundations, community members and the outreach of inspirational champions working with the government to make it happen.

As the event concluded, the Supervisor acknowledged the continued support of Earvin "Magic" Johnson, for AFMLA, and expressed her gratitude for the additional funds he raised last year for the Foundation.

Mayor Antonovich Recognizes Housing Authority's Investigations Unit

Mayor Michael D. Antonovich praised the Los Angeles County Housing Authority's Investigations Unit at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting for their exemplary work in ensuring Section 8 compliance and improving neighborhoods throughout the County of Los Angeles, especially in the Antelope Valley.

The primary duty of the Investigations Unit is to investigate housing fraud and allegations of program violations. The Unit is staffed by nine civilian investigators with an average of 25 years of prior law enforcement experience.

Using the community policing model, the Housing Authority created the Neighborhood Improvement Program, utilizing a task force approach to deal with problem Section 8 participants. Collaborating with Sheriff, Fire, Probation, County Building and Safety, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the State Department of Corrections, the objective of the Neighborhood Improvement Program is to ensure that families or individuals subsidized by the Section 8 program comply with program regulations and that they do not become a nuisance in their respective neighborhoods.



Mayor Antonovich presents a scroll to Bobbette Glover, Assistant Executive Director, Los Angeles County Housing Authority.

As a member of the Antelope Valley Crime Prevention Task Force which Mayor Antonovich initiated in 2004, the Investigations Unit has done some of its best work over the past year in the Antelope Valley. From July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, investigators in the Antelope Valley terminated 240 recipients from the Section 8 program for having registered sex offenders or other non-authorized persons living in the unit, narcotics activity, non-reporting of income, and violent crimes. These terminations represented over \$1 million in annual housing subsidies that can now be used for deserving families who will adhere to program policies.

Supervisor Burke's Sixth Annual Ministers' Breakfast "Partnering in Vision to Strengthen Our Community"

There were 300 attendees of inter-denominational Clergy present, representing the very ethnic and diverse community of the Second District at the USC Radisson Hotel for Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke's Annual Ministers' Breakfast on June 12. Some of those in attendance were of Baptist, Buddhist, Catholic, Christian, Muslim, Episcopalian, Islamic, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant, and Sikh Dharma denominations. News Anchor Dave Clark of KCAL Channel 9 and KCBS-TV Channel 2 was the Master of Ceremonies of the program. Inspiring musical selections were performed by Joy Graysen. The invocation was given by Reverend Alvin L. Isaacs, President of the Inglewood Area Ministers Association.



From left to right: Supervisor Burke is joined by KCAL Channel 9 and KCBS-TV Channel 2 News Anchor Dave Clark, Program MC; Reverend Alvin Isaacs, President of the Inglewood Area Ministers Association; Antionette Smith Epps, CEO of King/Drew Medical Center; and Reverend Albert Wise of the Hawthorne-Lawndale Ministerial Association.

A number of department heads were present, including, Dr. David Sanders, then Director of the Department of Children and Family Services; Bryce Yokomizo, Director of the Department of Public Social Services; Cynthia Banks, Director of Community and Senior Services; Pastor Herrera Jr., Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; Stephanie Maxberry, Acting Ombudsman; and Michael J. Henry, Director of Personnel.

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky Dedicates Agoura Hills Fire Station

On hand to cut the ribbon and dedicate the County's newest fire station in Agoura Hills, *from left to right*, are Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman, and Agoura Hills Mayor Denis Weber. Fire Station 89 is the 12th fire station in Battalion 5, serving the Santa Monica Mountains Region, but only the second station north of the 101 Freeway, which will significantly improve response times for calls in that area. The nearly 11,000 sq. ft. facility will house one engine company and the regional paramedic squad, with capacity for expansion as needs grow in future years.



Please visit, <http://www.lacofd.org/HometownFireStations/PDFs/OperationsBureauMap.pdf> for more details on fire station coverage areas.

Mayor Antonovich Presents \$1 Million Check for Lancaster Homeless Shelter

On July 12, Mayor Michael D. Antonovich presented a \$1 million check to Lancaster Mayor Henry Hearn (second from left); Patricia Welch, Director, Lancaster Community Shelter (second from right); and Moeed Kahn, Regional Director, Catholic Charities (right) for the expansion of the transitional family housing project at the Lancaster Homeless Shelter.



The expansion will construct 13 additional family units with 52 beds and increase intervention services for the homeless. "This project is the result of a successful public/private partnership that is vital in addressing the homelessness in our Antelope Valley communities," Mayor Antonovich said. Catholic Charities operates the Lancaster Homeless Shelter on behalf of the City of Lancaster Redevelopment Agency.

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Supervisor Burke gave remarks regarding the positive improvements at King/Drew Medical Center. Recognizing the dedication and work of Antionette Smith Epps, CEO of King/Drew, Supervisor Burke remarked, "Ms. Epps, along with Dr. Roger Peek, Chief Medical Director, and the entire King/Drew Leadership Team, are working day and night to prepare the medical center and staff for the upcoming Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Survey."

Very encouraging remarks were made by Antionette Smith Epps regarding the upcoming CMS Survey and that King/Drew was prepared and would continue their commitment of meeting all challenges presented to them. Ms. Epps remarked, "There is no finish line, we must be prepared everyday to provide high level, quality medical care to our patients."

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In addition, Supervisor Burke spoke about the importance of fraud-prevention involving senior citizens and issues such as guardianship and elder abuse while encouraging the crowd to attend one of the various workshops proceeding the breakfast on the following topics of Consumer Protection and Homeless Services; Emergency Preparedness; Children, Community and Senior Services; and Community Economic Development. The event sponsors, Wells Fargo Bank; Washington Mutual Bank; AT&T; Angelus Funeral Home; Comerica Bank; and USC Transportation Services were all commended by Supervisor Burke and presented with plaques.

The program closed with a benediction given by Reverend Albert L. Wise of the Hawthorne-Lawndale Ministerial Association, before participants retreated into selected workshops.

Share It

Second Annual LA County Day at the Fair



County employees are invited to join in the celebration of the Second Annual LA County Day at the Fair on Sunday, September 10.

Employees will receive discount tickets for themselves and their families for the fair, to be held at the Fairplex in Pomona from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Special activities include a parade, an Expo area with booths featuring County programs and activities, and a special horse race in honor of the County.

Sports celebrities will join County supervisors, department heads and employees in the parade to celebrate this year's theme: "LA County: A Great Team." The sports figures will also sign autographs in the Expo area.

Last year's event was a wonderful success, featuring an array of employees in County vehicles showcasing services provided to residents – among them public safety, health, public works, elections, libraries, and recreation.

Join us this year to make it even better!

Quick Facts at a Glance

Date: Sunday, September 10

Time: Fair - 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Parade - Noon. Starts on Redwood Street by Building 4, goes by clock tower and racetrack entrance, and circles back to Building 4.

County Race - 2 p.m. inside the racetrack. No admission charge.

Expo - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on east side of fairgrounds, south side of Building 4. Features booths with information on County services and programs, and athletes signing autographs.

Tickets: One free admission with each paid admission. *Ticket prices are:* Age 13+, \$15; Ages 6 to 12, \$10; and children 5 and under, free. Each discount ticket is good for up to four people (two paid and two free). Tickets will be distributed with employees' August 15 paycheck. Employees who do not receive a ticket or need additional tickets should contact the County's Public Information Office at (213) 974-1311. Parking is \$8.

Location: Los Angeles County Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona. (909) 623-3111. Close to 210, 57 and 10 freeways. Please visit www.fairplex.com for directions.

Information: County Public Information Office - (213) 974-1311



Parks and Recreation employees show off one of the department's lifeguard boats.



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